GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:467
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
SICK SSI UNITS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of sickness amongst small scale industries is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the trends of sickness during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the revival of the sick units?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) IN RESPECT OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 4 FOR REPLY ON 23.04.2003.

(a) to (c): No, Sir. As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), from the Scheduled Commercial banks, the number of sick Small Scale Industries (SSI) units has declined during the last three years. The number of sick SSI units in the country as at the end of March, 2000, 2001 and 2002 has been as under :-

Year (As at the end of March)	Number of sick SSI units
2000	3,04,235
2001	2,49,630
2002	1,77,336

The State-wise details of sick SSI units as the end of March, 2000, 2001 and 2002 are given at Annexure.

(d): The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries including institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Further, based on the recommendations of the Working Group set up under the chairmanship of Shri S. S. Kohli, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include, inter alia, change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the Scheduled Commercial banks for implementation.